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THE demand continues brisk for the big edition of The Herald, printed on May 16, last. But the supply is nil.
Orders have come to The Herald from the most surprising places, indicating the continuing spread of information about the edition. A most impressive feature of the edition was the wealth of information covering every phase of activity in the Valley, with a conservation and balance that at once struck the thoughtful.
A recent order for copies of the edition was received from a bond and investment house of San Francisco, Calif., which asked for ten copies of the issue.
A concern in Kansas City recently asked for 500 copies of the edition, after having seen one. Unfortunately this order could not be filled, since the supply had run down to a bare few copies.
And only ten copies of the edition are left.

The United States Weather Bureau of Brownsville, in charge of Meteorologist Schunbrusch, yesterday gave an excellent demonstration of the value of its new river forecast service.
About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the station received a telegram from Monterrey, Mexico, advising of a seven-inch rainfall there during the day.
Such a rain in the Monterrey mountains is certain to pour a large volume of water into the San Juan river, quickly. The San Juan pours into the Rio Grande, near Rio Grande City.
The weather bureau telephoned the report to The Herald. The afternoon edition was still on the press. But the information was considered so important to residents of the Lower Valley, that the press was stopped, the story put quickly into type, and most points in the Valley had the news long before dark.

At Harlingen, the women are interested in the various plans for the beautification of the city. The beautification arrangements are being beautified by a 15-acre plot of land acquired for the development of a park.
Raymondville the civic committee of the Women's club has appointed a committee to draw plans for the beautification of the court-lawn. In addition to which will promote the beautification of other parts of the town.

There have been four "first bales" of cotton this season, but the only first bale that seems to have cashed in on its arrival was that produced by Lee Aiken of near Pharr.
This bale sold on the San Antonio cotton exchange for \$575. The Harlingen bale brought \$411 in Galveston. It was given by the Farmers Gin Company, of which George Glover is the manager.
The bale, by the way, is the first from the Valley ever auctioned on the San Antonio exchange, the others having all gone to Houston.
Aiken's ability to get his bale to San Antonio was due to a message conveyed to him by The Brownsville Herald.

When the Donna bale on Monday was rejected for auction by the Houston exchange because it was not considered a merchantable bale, The Herald called the Rio Grande, The Herald and asked that paper to advise Mr. Aiken of the fact. Aiken previously had baled 280 pounds of cotton, about 200 pounds short of a bale. The Sun notified George Glover, who hustled up Aiken, with the result that the bale went forward to San Antonio by auto early yesterday.

No announcement of the fact was made until the bale had reached San Antonio.
"First bales" have now gone forward from Donna, Pharr and Harlingen, and Mercedes has one picked.

The cotton season seems to be off to a flying start in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.
Another two to three weeks and ginning will be in full swing, with some eighty gins and some 20,000 cotton pickers doing the work.

A delightful troupe is the David Silva Concert Company, which is now showing at the Queen theater in this city.

Delightful because the organization of some ten persons not only is typically Spanish in its presentations, but they also have pleasing voices and pleasing personality.
Their presentations consist of songs, Spanish dances and Spanish interpretations of well known American melodies.
The David Silva company surely is one of the most entertaining Spanish troupes that has yet played to a Brownsville audience.

WOMAN STEALS \$100,000
BELFAST.—It has been practically established, the police say, that the thief who stole \$100,000 worth of jewels from Major Dermot McCallum at Kilkenny was a woman.

TO BED AT 10 FOR 3 YEARS
NOTTINGHAM, Eng.—For stealing to buy a dance dress Ada Theal, aged 18, was sentenced to go to bed every night at 10 o'clock for three years.

CLOSING RITES ARE OBSERVED BY CATHOLICS

Thongs Witness Pontifical Mass Celebrated by Cardinal Legate of Pope

MUNDELEIN, Ill., June 24 (AP)—In nature's great sanctuary, flooded by a brilliant sun and fringed with verdant trees and shrubs, the last rites of the twenty-eighth International Eucharistic Congress were celebrated today before throngs numbered in hundreds of thousands.
Before a huge altar canopied with silk and velvet, overlooking from the top of a grass carpeted hill the two mile sweep of St. Mary's lake, Cardinal Bonzano, legate of Pope Pius XI, celebrated solemn pontifical mass under the Vairist skies of the congress sessions.
After the benediction, the eucharistic procession, more than three miles long filed through a parted sea of humanity in the climatic pageantry of the five day religious festival.

At 5 a. m. when the first special train left Chicago, more than 50,000 persons already were on the dew covered ground of the cloistered seminary of St. Mary's of the lake and long lines of pilgrims clogged wide roads in every direction for several miles. On other roads thousands of automobiles moved in slow procession to the scene. Four railroads unloaded thousands before seven o'clock and special trains moved up to the seminary gate in almost an unbroken line.

The altar was at the end of the lake directly before the tabernacle of the permanent chapel. Completely covering the east side of the edifice was a silken curtain of cardinal red. A canopy of white and gold hung from the top.
The white altar was almost completely shrouded in yellow roses and palms. Elevated on the white stone steps leading to the sanctuary, the gold crucifix and six tall candles of deep yellow in gold holders looked over the great throng of worshippers below.

To the right of the altar was the throne of the papal legate. On either side rose the thrones of the eleven other princes of the church.
The cardinals' thrones were ranged in a long gallery, under red plush canopies fringed with gold. The papal coat of arms reared from the gallery roofs. On the extreme ends of the location rose tall standards with the stars and stripes and the white and gold colors of the pontiff.

Below the cardinals were the green plush kneeling benches of the bishop and still farther down the hill on a miniature peninsula jutting into the lake were thousands of priests and nuns. Behind were the hosts of laymen, silent in awe and adoration.

Lightning Kills Seven in Germany

BREUTHEN, Germany, June 24 (AP)—Lightning today struck a field station near here and killed seven members of the reichwehr on duty. The men were guarding the levee of the Oder river near Bruthen which had been threatened by recent floods.

BLIND BY X-WORDS
Chicago.—Her physician attributes the blindness of Miss Ella Morris to her close application to solving an creating cross-world puzzles.

THE WEATHER

For Brownsville and the Lower Rio Grande Valley: Mostly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday, possibly with local showers; moderate temperature.

East Texas: Partly cloudy to unsettled tonight and Friday, warmer in northeast portion tonight. Light to moderate shifting winds on the coast, probably becoming southerly.

Daily River Bulletin
Station— Flood stage since last report Change
Del Rio 16 3.4 -2.1
Eagle Pass 27 0.2 -0.1
Laredo 24 10.00 +2.6
Rio Grande City 21 13.9 +0.9
Mission 24 10.00 +2.6
San Benito 21 13.9 +0.9
Brownsville — — —

Monterrey, Mexico, reported 7.04 inches of rainfall yesterday afternoon.

River Forecast
There will be a considerable rise in the river from Rio Grande City on down during the next few days.

American Gift of Gab Gets His Release From Bandits, Biggs Asserts

An American from Boston, blessed with the gift of gab, outtalked a band of eight Mexican bandits at Camp Fuhoro, 10 kilometers from Palmo Solo, state of Vera Cruz, and thus secured the release of himself and V. W. Biggs of Brownsville, who had been held for ransom for something like seven hours.

This is the story brought to Brownsville by Biggs, who is at his home here after more than two years in the oil fields of Vera Cruz.
The most the two men suffered as a result of their experience, Biggs said, was the loss of their shoes and most of their clothes. And several hours of valuable time.

It was the second experience of the kind for Biggs, he said, the first experience never having reached the American newspapers. That was at another camp near Palmo Solo in January last. On that occasion he and seven others

suffered the loss of most of their clothes, a fine gun and about \$300 in money.

Mr. Biggs said that on the morning of May 26 he and Greeley were in the kitchen-dining room of their camp at Fuhoro. It was very early in the morning, six other men being asleep in the bunkhouse.

Suddenly the door of the kitchen shot open and two men entered, with guns drawn ready for action.

"I was too surprised to think anything was wrong," said Mr. Biggs. "Greeley, a man of about 32 years, was at the telephone making a report to the headquarters at Palmo Solo. He had the telephone receiver at his ear. The bandits thought he was reporting about them, and threatened to shoot him if he didn't get away from the telephone. I thought he never would drop that receiver but he finally did."

Biggs said he discovered that there were six other men on the outside, the others having sur-

rounded the house. These men then entered at the other side of the house and covered the occupants. There was a Frenchman in the crowd named Gus Lescher. Greeley and Biggs were ordered to go with the bandits, who had taken such valuables, clothes and other articles as they could find, and discovering that Lescher spoke Spanish they took him along.

The party of bandits and their prisoners walked into the underground about two kilometers when the subject of ransom came up. The bandits demanded 2000 pesos. The prisoners said there wasn't that much money in camp.

The bandits had taken Lescher along to use as a messenger back to the camp. He was instructed to go to the camp and get 1000 pesos. Some time passed and Lescher did not return. The bandits asked Biggs and Greeley if they thought Lescher would return. They said they thought not, and that probably the soldiers had him (Continued on Page 2.)

CORPUS CLUB PLANS VISIT

Kiwanians Make Trip To Gulf Coast Town

Corpus Christi's Kiwanis club will visit Brownsville some time next fall, probably in September, is the word brought back to Brownsville by local Kiwanians who made an overnight trip to the Gulf coast town Tuesday and Wednesday and have just returned.

The Brownsville delegation reports that it was shown a great time by the Corpus Christi club. There were 18 in the party that left here at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning in five cars.

Robstown was reached at about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and the Kiwanians dined there at noon. The trip was continued to Corpus Christi where the Kiwanians were shown the port, the town and taken to the North Beach for surf bathing. In the evening a supper was given the Kiwanians by the Corpus Christi club.

A baseball game had been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon between the Brownsville and Corpus Christi clubs but this was postponed until Wednesday morning on account of rain. The game, originally scheduled in Corpus, was transferred to Robstown, where it was played Wednesday morning. Brownsville winning, 3 to 2.

It was the great pitching of Tom Pendergraft, who allowed only seven hits in seven innings that enabled the Brownsville club to win. He fanned 12. Corpus Christi scored both of its runs in the third inning while Brownsville scored once each in the second, third and fourth. Tom Pendergraft came in with the winning run in the fourth on Fritz Schmidt's sacrifice fly. Brownsville got a total of nine hits.

Harry Faulk, president of the Brownsville club, responded to the address of welcome at the noon luncheon in Corpus Christi Wednesday and in the afternoon the trip home was undertaken.

Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barnes and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sellers, Harry Faulk, H. D. Seago, Joe Bollinger, George Mansur, H. E. Snow, Billy Tucker, Fritz Schmidt, W. A. Rascio, Tom Pendergraft, Jimmy Skelton, E. C. Toothman and Dr. W. A. Jones and son.

WADE NEW HEAD WEST TEXAS C. C.
AMARILLO, Tex., June 24 (AP)—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention late yesterday voted to meet next year in Wichita Falls.

Homer D. Wade was elected manager of the chamber. Central West Texas headquarters at Fort Worth will be in charge of Ray Leeman, now southwest district manager at San Antonio. He will be relieved by B. F. Pennett, now organization manager. A new district for Northwest Texas, with headquarters at Amarillo, was created. Its manager is yet to be named.

Woman Evangelist is Identified by Mother

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 24.—(AP)—Positive identification of the woman brought to a hospital here yesterday from Agua Prieta as Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, missing since May 18, was made this morning by Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, her mother. Mrs. Kennedy arrived from Los Angeles and went immediately to the hospital where she greeted her daughter.

Search for the men and a woman who Mrs. McPherson says kidnaped her at Ocean Park, Calif., and held her captive in Mexico until she escaped Tuesday was continued through the desolate country south of the international boundary today.

Mr. McPherson related that two men and a woman had drugged her at the beach, and that she was unconscious until the next day when she awakened in a shack somewhere in Mexico. Later she was moved to another house and escaped while the three were absent, saving her bindings against a can. She said she wandered all night until she arrived at Agua Prieta, across the boundary from here, early yesterday morning when she was found by an American and brought to the hospital here.

Yesterday Mexican federal troops and Cochise county posse searched the country from whence Mrs. McPherson said she came but were unable to find a trace of the house.

Sheriff James F. McDonald, Cochise county sheriff, announced after his return that he had possession of Mrs. McPherson's clothing and shoes and that they were not damaged when she was taken to the hospital. The country through which she said she wandered all night is rugged and covered with mesquite, cactus and cat's claw. No evidence of any mission calling on the latter to withdraw from the race for congress.

Mr. Gill's letter follows: "If you have not already read the editorial in yesterday's Chronicle entitled the 'Master Workman,' I wish you would do so. After reading this and giving it serious thought, if you have the best interests of the Rio Grande Valley and the democracy of the state and nation at heart, I believe you will withdraw from the race. Of course if you are a candidate on account of your personal ambition, that is something else."

GILL CALLS ON HARDIN TO QUIT
(Special to The Herald.)
RAYMONDVILLE, Tex., June 24.—Judge S. L. Gill of Raymondville has written a letter to Sir David Hardin calling on the latter to withdraw from the race for congress.

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WOMAN BETRAYS PLOT
ATHENS.—Three army officers plotting against the government were betrayed by a woman and all put to death.

RADIO PROGRAM
ON FRIDAY
12 m.—Piano recital, Miss Claudia Hopper.
6 p. m.—Violin solos, Mr. Mandrujane.

DIVISION OF WATERS NEAR, ENGINEER SAYS

Anderson, Back From Meet of Commission In Capital, Plans to Make New Survey

(Special to The Herald.)
SAN BENITO, Tex., June 24.—Prospects of an early settlement between Mexico and the United States on questions of division of waters of the Rio Grande and Colorado river, which will make it possible to carry out contemplated water conservation programs, are considered very good by W. E. Anderson of this city, member of the U. S. Mexican commission for equitable distribution of waters of the Rio Grande.

Mr. Anderson returned Tuesday from Washington, D. C., where the commission held its first meeting a short time ago. The commission, appointed more than three years ago by the late President Warren G. Harding is headed by Dr. Elwood Mead, U. S. reclamation commissioner, and General Lansing Beach, consulting engineer of the Los Angeles harbor project, is the third member of the commission.

The direct result of the meeting was a clearer understanding with Mexico, and the taking of immediate action to clear the way for a settlement of distribution of the waters of the two rivers, and of flood conservation work which is considered necessary.

To Make Survey
Mr. Anderson was authorized to make a survey of the Rio Grande and its tributaries, finding all information that will be of value in the light of flood control, irrigation and kindred matters. He is authorized to (Continued on Page 2.)

JIM HINTS AT OIL SCANDAL

Asserts Lands Would Go to Standard if Moody Wins

MARQUEZ, Texas, June 24.—(AP)—James E. Ferguson charges that support of the oil companies is behind Dan Moody's prison reform platform in an address here Wednesday.

He charged that Moody proposes, if elected governor, to sell prison farms in "the Gulf Coast country, 80,000 acres of which is known to be underlain with oil."
"If he is elected, the oil companies expect to buy that land for a song and we would have another scandal in Texas that would make Teapot Dome look like 30 cents," Ferguson added.

He also charged that "a bunch of real estate brokers" who are supporting Moody are behind a proposition to sell as a new prison site "30,000 acres of land at \$200 an acre, a total of \$6,000,000."

"It would cost \$2,000,000 more to start the necessary buildings," Ferguson declared.

He was to speak at Jacksonville Thursday, at Tyler Friday and at Marshall Saturday. Governor Ferguson plans to join him at Marshall.

'First Bales' Sold In 2 Texas Cities
The first bale of marketable cotton from the 1926 Valley crop, grown on the farm of Lee Aiken near Pharr, was sold early today on the floor of the San Antonio cotton exchange for 17-1-2 cents per pound plus a bonus of about \$500 and shortly after noon today the bale grown on the Geo. R. Holiday farm near Harlingen was sold on the floor of the exchange at Galveston for \$1 per pound.

According to Associated Press dispatches the bale from Pharr weighed 430 pounds and graded fair middling. It brought \$575 approximately. The bale sold in Galveston and grown at Harlingen weighed 411 pounds, graded middling and brought \$411.

Was Attacked in Jail by Mexican Officer, is Claim

Natividad Garza, 35, an American born citizen, lies in Mercy Hospital with a broken arm, wrenched shoulder and in a semi-conscious condition as the result of torture resorted to by Mexican officials in Matamoros in an attempt to obtain information from him concerning the shooting recently of a Mexican smuggler by United States immigration officers on the Rio Grande on June 7, according to his story to officers.

Garza came to Brownsville Wednesday night at 11 o'clock suffering from the injuries alleged to have been inflicted by Tomas Guerra, chief of the mounted Mexican customs service. He crossed at the ferry under cover of night for fear that his enemies would "get" him before he could reach the American side, he said. He told his story to Ramon Longoria, United States immigration officer and Sheriff L. D. Nichols of Cameron county upon being taken to the hospital for treatment.

The torture is said to have occurred in Matamoros Wednesday morning but it was not until 11 o'clock Wednesday night when Garza crossed into the United States, that the details became known.

Garza's story also revealed the fact that Longoria had been arrested in Matamoros earlier in the week in a similar attempt to secure such information as he had been released.

On June 21, Longoria was arrested on a charge filed by Tomas Guerra, who is a brother of Arturo Guerra, Mexican smuggler killed on June 7, and by Felicia Guerra, his sister, to the effect that he (Longoria) had conspired to murder Arturo Guerra. These and other relatives of the deceased claimed that Natividad Garza, then in the Matamoros jail, had told them this.

Natividad Garza was brought before the court and denied that he had ever told anyone anything about the case. He said that he knew nothing of the case except what the Brownsville papers had published. Longoria likewise denied knowledge of the case other than the information published and informed the court that he had no connection whatever with the killing of the smuggler. The case was continued until Tuesday. Garza was placed in jail and Longoria was returned to the American side.

Garza declared in his story, told from his bed in Mercy Hospital, that he again was about to be brought before the court Wednesday morning when Guerra grabbed him and threw him to the floor of the jail after asking him what he was going to say in court. The judge questioned Garza but not in connection with the shooting on the river in which Arturo Guerra was killed.

Garza was ordered released and he asked for police protection as far as the ferry. This was refused him, but the authorities promised to allow him to remain in jail until night so that he could return more safely.

Arturo Guerra was shot when he drew a gun on officers V. C. Robinson and C. D. Brown who were attempting to arrest him after he had crossed from Mexico to the American side of the river in a boat at a point several miles above Brownsville. The American officers were driven to cover by rifle shots and when they returned with re-enforcements they found the body had been taken to the Mexican side.

Garza was born in Gonzales and had gone to school in Brownsville.

D. W. Brewster, United States Immigration chief, in a statement after details of the affair were learned, said that Longoria had no connection with the supervision of the movements of officers in the service or had any authority over the patrol force and that he was in no way responsible for the death of Guerra who was killed while resisting arrest.

Busse Bring Land Buyers

San Antonio Party is Here to See Lots in Olmito

The first motor bus cavalcade of tourists to be brought into the Valley to purchase city lots arrived here today, coming from San Antonio and Corpus Christi, and being brought by the Al Parker Securities company, to Olmito.

The Cavalcade, composed of five large busses and a pilot car, reached the Valley last night. The 89 tourists were taken through the upper part of the Valley today, returning to Olmito at noon, where a barbecue lunch was served.

"We expect to continue running busses out of Corpus Christi, Houston and San Antonio," said R. C. Yoder, connected with the Brownsville office of the Al Parker Securities company. "We are considering purchasing several large busses, and pointing them with the Olmito signs. At present rented busses are being used, with Olmito streamers and banners on them."

Mr. Yoder said that he considered the bringing of the bus cavalcade into the Valley as significant of development in real estate activity, since the activity in Florida and California was featured by bus cavalcades and the like.

Mr. Yoder said he will go to Houston in a few days to make arrangements for more prospective Valley residents to come down from that city.

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